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PREVIOUSLY

The world's most notorious super-criminal has left a trail of dead police officers across Asia, but that was all prelude to his ultimate target. Washington, D.C.'s finest, Chief Blake Morrow, is the man Nemesis blames for destroying his childhood. After kidnapping the President and murdering the entire staff of the Pentagon, Nemesis has been apprehended. However, Nemesis claims it is all part of his plan, a plan that will culminate with killing Morrow at midnight on March the Twelfth.

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NORTH BRANCH CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, CUMBERLAND, MD:
How long 'til he gets here?
Ten more minutes.
You nervous?
You serious?

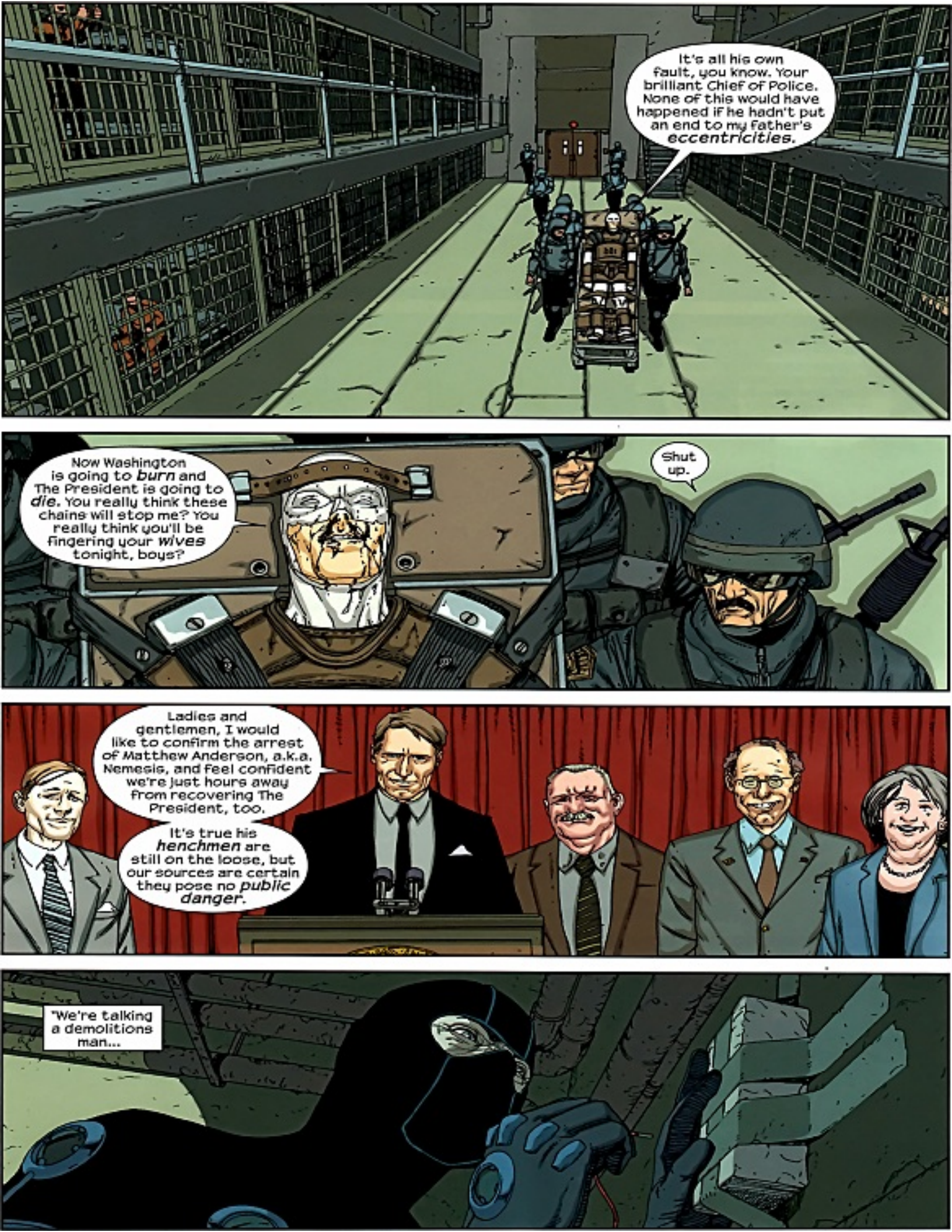
INTERSTATE
HIGHWAY 63:
POLICE
How come nobody took his mask off?
Because it's booby-trapped. The tech guys said it's wired to his head with tiny explosives.
I guess we need to keep you alive 'til we find out where *The President* is, huh?
But after that, all bets are *off*, fuck-wad.
Mm.

The Japanese Prime Minister was the first to offer his congratulations on Nemesis' arrest with tributes pouring in from China, Singapore, and North Korea...
...all victims of previous terror campaigns, all delighted at the triumph of Police Chief Blake Morrow.
ENN
KUDOS FROM WORLD LEADERS

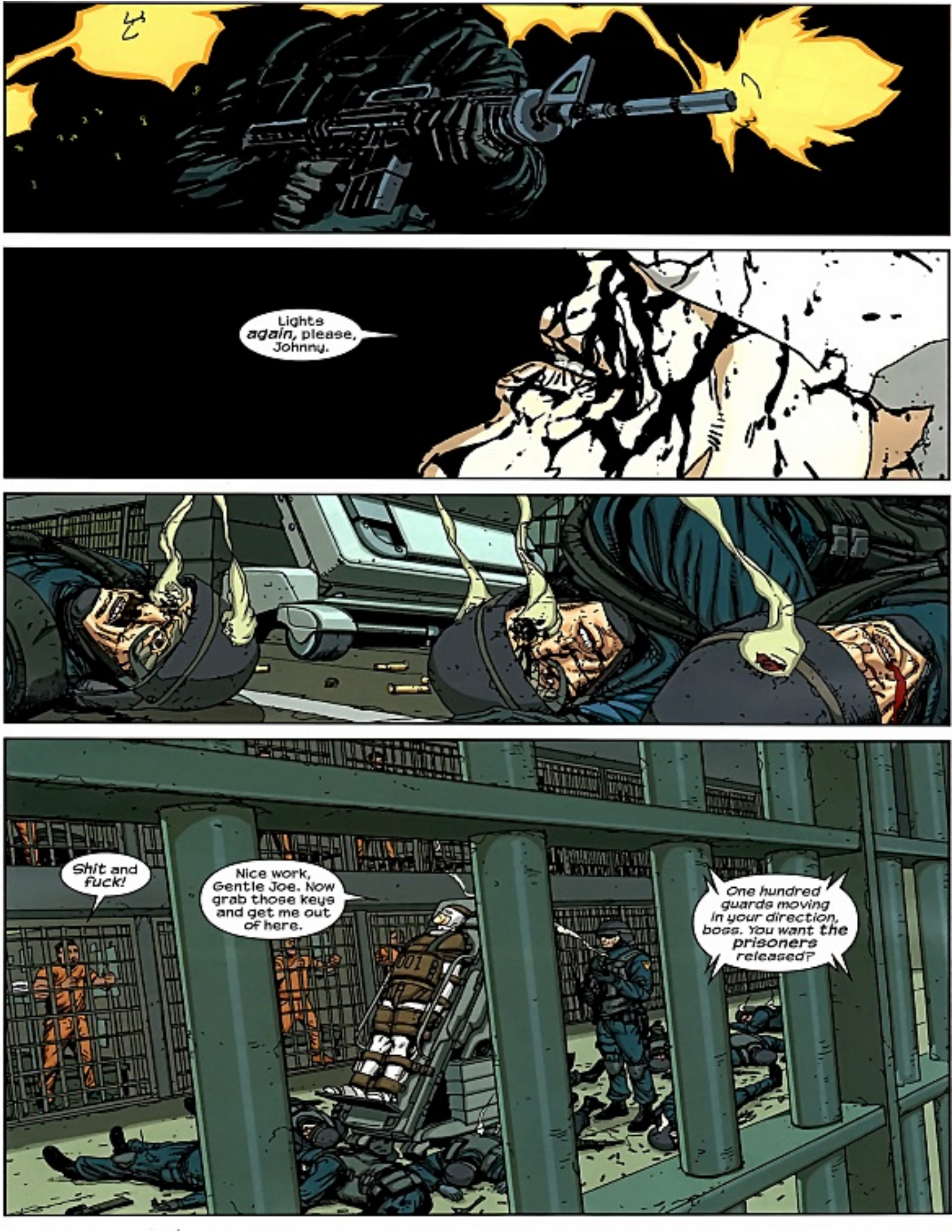
The super-criminal's only living relative, philanthropist Howard Anderson, was abroad on business, but issued the following video-message...
Huge congratulations to my dear friend Blake. We all adore him in Washington, D.C., and Homeland Security has a brilliant man on the way.
ENN
TERRIFIED FAMILY GIVES THANKS

The Chief's family looked proud and relieved as they were released from police custody. His wife Peggy paid tribute to her husband's famous determination.
No, I'm not surprised he beat the cop-killer. My husband never fails at anything...
ENN
HERO'S FAMILY RETURNS HOME

...now if you'll excuse me, I'd like to get my kids back home.


It's all his own fault, you know. Your brilliant Chief of Police. None of this would have happened if he hadn't put an end to my father's *eccentricities*.
Now Washington is going to *burn* and The President is going to *die*. You really think these chains will stop me? You really think you'll be fingering your *wives* tonight, boys?
Shut up.
Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to confirm the arrest of Matthew Anderson, a.k.a. Nemesis, and feel confident we're just hours away from recovering The President, too.
It's true his *henchmen* are still on the loose, but our sources are certain they pose no *public danger*.
"We're talking a demolitions man...

"...a technology expert..."
"...an identity thief, and so on..."
Lights, please, Johnny.
What the fuck?
These men are nothing more than *jobbing career criminals. Lost* without their *leader...*


Lights again, please, Johnny.
Shit and fuck!
Nice work, Gentle Joe. Now grab those keys and get me out of here.
One hundred guards moving in your direction, boss. You want the prisoners released?

Not yet. I want to show these bitches what I can *do* first.
Are you kidding me? How are we supposed to fight a hundred *riot-cops*?
I'm only counting *ninety-seven*...
...and I'm fine on my *own*, thank you.
AAAGH!
UNGH!
AARGH!

Fuck, dude...

Okay.
Now you can release the prisoners.

The getaway cars all have keys in their ignitions.
Which ones are the getaway cars?

Any ones you like.
Oh, man!

I warned them not to arrest me. I told them this would happen. But would they listen?

What's going on, Sergeant? The TV people said there's been an explosion at North Branch.
It's Nemesis! He's escaped and he's freed all the prisoners!
What?
Two thousand inmates on the loose! We need to put the city into *lockdown!* Right fucking *now!*
Call Peggy! I want my family back in protective custody!
We already *called,* Chief...
...your kids have *disappeared.*

POLICE HEADQUARTERS:
Oh, Jesus. This was why he got himself arrested, wasn't it? So he could smoke out the kids!
Play the message again, please, Sergeant Lee.
Hello, handsome. Wondering why your children didn't show up for dinner? That's because my boys picked them up from school this afternoon.
POLICE CHIEF BLAKE MORROW
Do as I say and they'll be given back unharmed. Disobey and they'll come home in bottles.
I want to hear your three big family secrets when I call back tonight. If you don't know what I'm talking about, I'm pretty sure your wife does.
That's the end, guys. Switch it off.

Well?

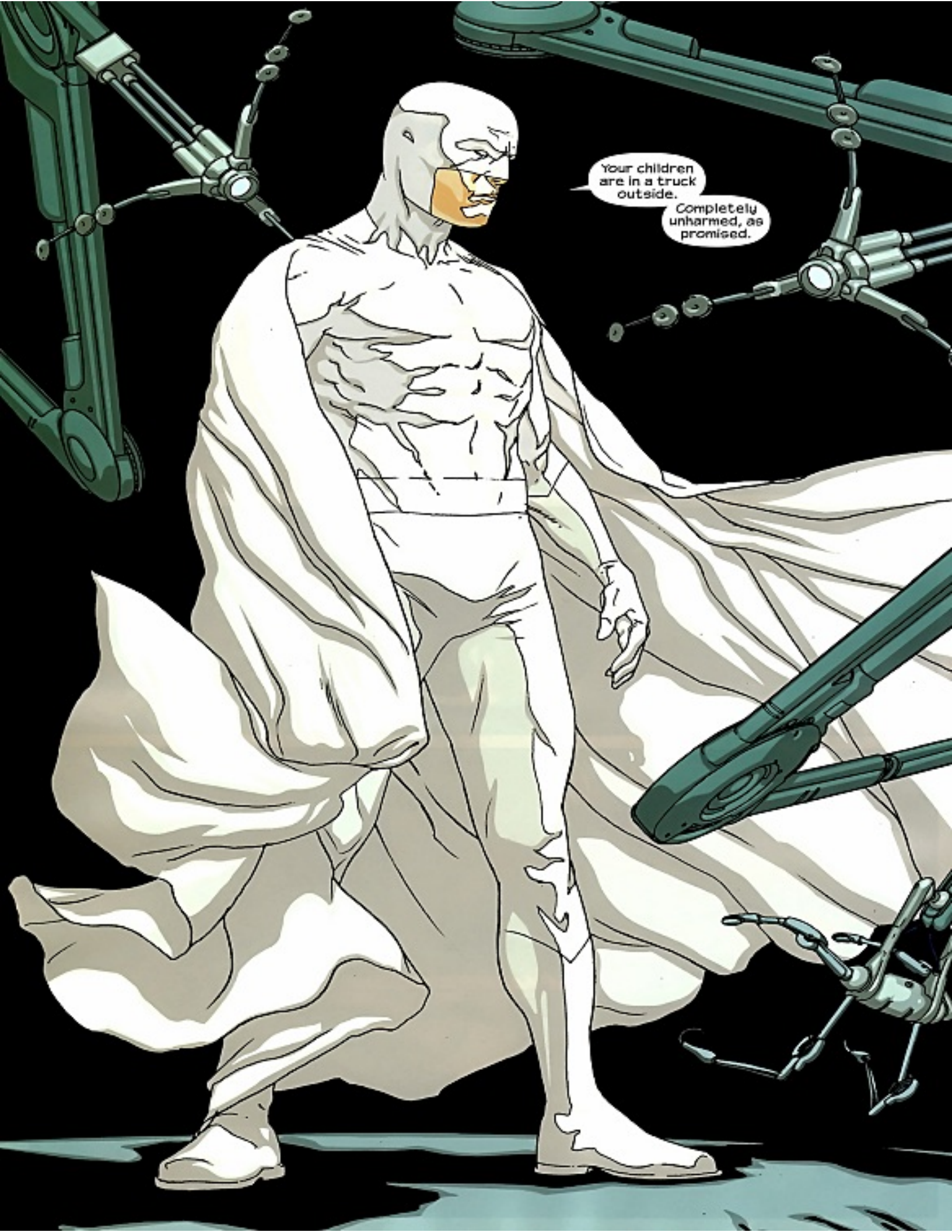
Could you give us a moment, please, gentlemen?

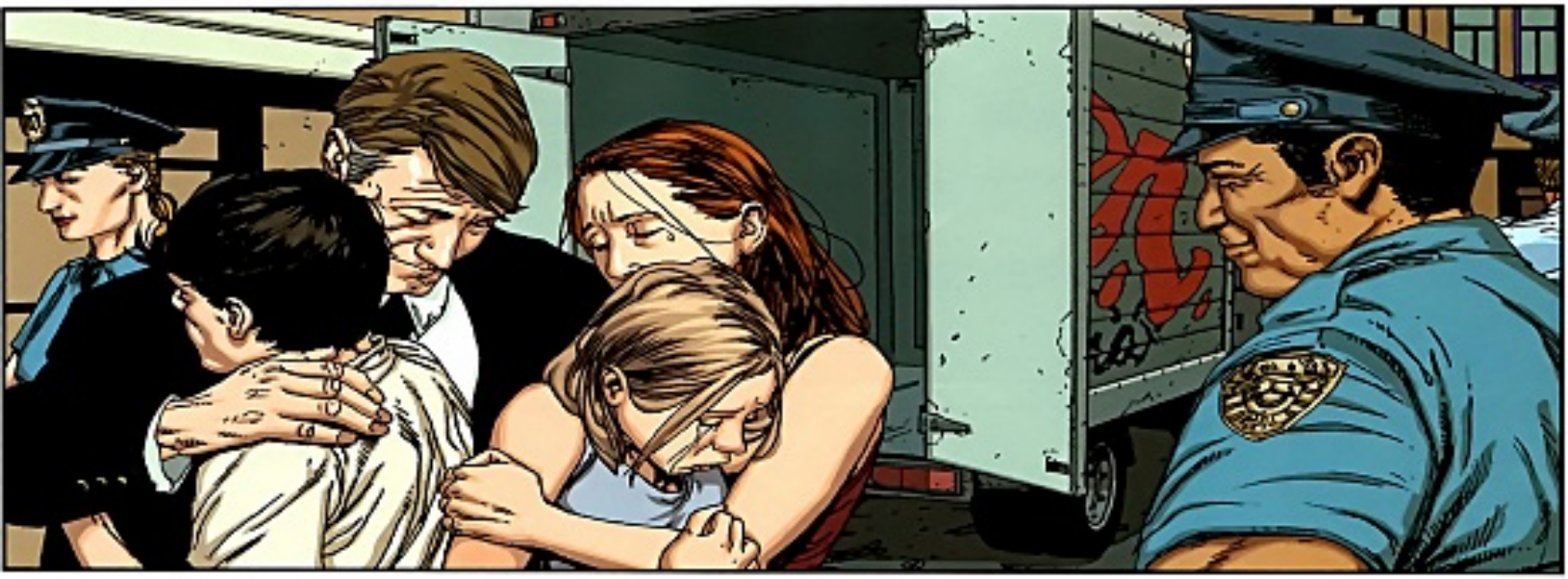
ONE HOUR LATER

Good evening, Chief Morrow. Keeping well?
I don't want to make small-talk, Nemesis, just give me some assurance my kids are okay.
You'll get that assurance when you see them in person. Now those three big secrets, if you don't mind. Starting with Peggy's indiscretions.
You did tell him everything, didn't you, Peggy? Because I've got all the facts right here in front of me.
Just give us our kids back, you bastard!
Peggy, please...
The first secret is that Peggy and my old partner, Milt Daniels, had an eighteen-month affair shortly after we were married.
She considered leaving me, but Milt broke the whole thing off when he got engaged to his now wife, Iris.
And why do you think she started this relationship?

I was an inattentive husband and a poor performer sexually.
Well, I must say I admire your frankness, sir. Secret number two, please.
My son is a homosexual.
And why do you think he kept this from you? Did he think you'd be disgusted?
He thought I'd hate him, but I could never hate him. I love my son more than anything in the world.
So why did he only tell his mother? I'm starting to think you place your work over loved ones, Chief. Can you see how this relates to secret number three?
Did you hear what I just said, super-cop?
I heard you.

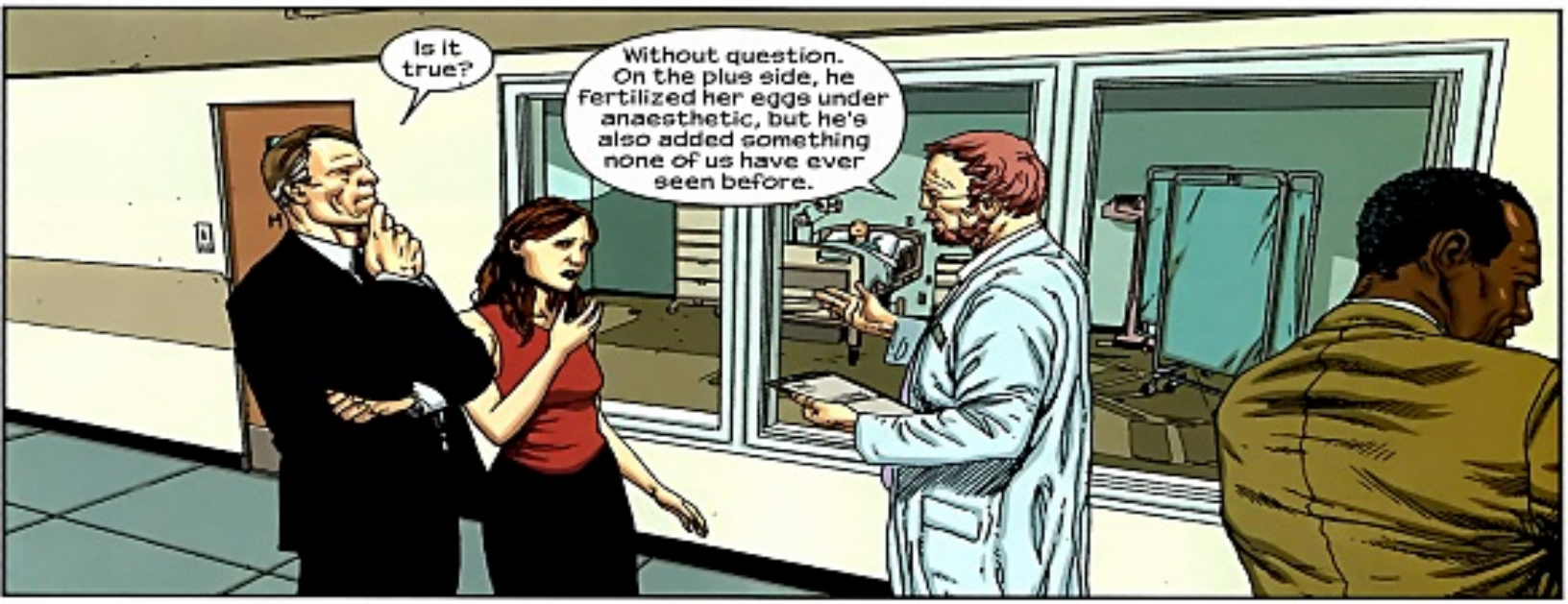
The third family secret is that my daughter got pregnant and had an abortion without telling me.
Now why would she do a thing like that?
Because she wanted to go to college and she knows I'd *disapprove*.
Oh, that's right. You're *Catholic*, aren't you? But aren't you a little *glad* from a *career* point of view?
A teenage mom would have killed all those *Homeland Security* aspirations. Better to terminate a little baby than your *career* prospects, *surely*?
SHUT UP!
Sorry, Chief. I'm just trying to rattle you before the set-piece with The President. You kept your end of the bargain. It's only fair that I keep mine.


Your children are in a truck outside.
Completely unharmed, as promised.



Well, relatively unharmed...

CNN
Log in
Police Chief's Daughter Pregnant By Her Gay Brother
WASHINGTON , DC – There's been another shocking turn in the saga of terrorist and criminal mastermind known only as "Nemesis." The children of Washington , D.C. hero Chief Inspector Blake Morrow were recently kidnapped by the super villain. The children have been returned without
lead trauma expert Christopher Tung stated, "It's difficult to comprehend how deep these psychological wounds will go, and it's impossible to predict how long recovery from such a violation will take, or if it's even possible. Thankfully, such extreme psychological horrors don't happen often enough


Is it true?
Without question. On the plus side, he fertilized her eggs under anaesthetic, but he's also added something none of us have ever seen before.

He's rigged your daughter's womb to completely collapse if we attempt a termination. She'll never have children if we do an abortion. But it's your call.
Oh, fuck you, Blake!
Peggy?
No, fuck you and your stupid job and what you've done to our little family!
This is all your fault, you selfish prick! I hate you! I hate you!
Sir?
Bring Kirby in.
I want to know what he's got for us.

UNDERCOVER OFFICER
ALEX KIRBY,
A.K.A. JACKIE SHOES:
You know I was only involved in the robberies, right? He used his favorites on all the big missions. Every fucking time.
Nobody's judging you, Kirby. You're the best undercover guy I've ever known, and you did what you had to do. Now tell me-- What are their names and addresses?
It's all in the files, boss. Everything you need to take 'em down.
Nemesis included?
Nemesis included.
I still can't believe who he's been posing as all this time. I wouldn't have guessed that in a million years.
Actually, he's been my main suspect from the beginning, Sergeant. Now if you'll pardon the salty language...
CHIK CHOKK!

...let's *nail* this bitch.
TO BE CONCLUDED

NEMESIS

DISPATCHES OF PURE EVIL

Hello, Nem-heads! Hope you liked all the twists and turns so far, because there are only more on the way. The script to NEMESIS #4 is the most insane yet. It is so intense that Steve McNiven, while slaving away on pages, has to take cold showers between panels. The kind of cold showers that movie characters take after a boxing match where their brain damage was just irreparably compounded. Buy a few extra boxes of adult diapers as you wait for it to come to your local comic shop!

NEMESIS NEWS

Just in case your only news comes from Old Man Petey down at the post office and you haven't heard this already, NEMESIS is going to be a movie! 20th Century Fox acquired the rights to your favorite ICON title, and Tony Scott is attached to direct it. Mark and Steve couldn't be happier about the good hands their evil baby has fallen into. Keep your eyes peeled and make sure Old Man Petey keeps you posted on its future release date!

RETAILER OF NOTE!

The details of one retailer evaded us way back in issue #1 when we did our big Poster Campaign roll-call. Sorry we left you out! But we hope this special note makes up for it.

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NEMESIS WITHDRAWL?

Do you have a hard time falling asleep, lie awake shaking, and wake up crying? And all because there's only one more issue of NEMESIS coming along? Worry not, fair reader! Mark and Steve have plans for your favorite white-clad maniac after issue #4, but if you need something before then, there are two other MILLARWORLD releases just around the corner!

KICK-ASS 2 #1: Mark Millar and John Romita Jr. bring your favorite amateur crime-fighter back to the comic page! And he's not alone. Find out what happens next with Hit-Girl, Red-Mist, and a slew of ass-kicking new characters! On sale next month, so don't go too far!

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That's all from us at the Nemesis Ranch this month. See you A.S.A.P. with #4! Did I mention that you should buy more adult diapers?

NICK!

FROM STAR

A SNEAK PEEK AT HOW EACH P
SCRIPT TO PENCILS

Page Eight

1/ 2/ 3/ 4/ Okay, the beats are really important here so let's keep everything nice and wide and keep this to four panels, each one just being a love-letter violence as he does things to these cops we've never seen before.

NO DIALOGUE

T TO FINISH
PAGE OF *NEMESIS* GOES FROM TO FULL COLOR ART!

Page Ten

1/ He's down to the last few men, his own henchman and the prisoners watching in horror as he reduces these people to a bloody mush. We need the beat of a big smack here, using the riot-stick or something to partially smack a guy's head off.

NO DIALOGUE

2/ Another beat as he gives another fatal smack to the next-to-last guy.

NO DIALOGUE

3/ The final guard (the third to be killed on this page) is murdered on the floor, this riot-stick being driven down hard into his face or chest by the mostly off-panel Nemesis as he drives it through his body and into the concrete beneath him. This should be out big, final beat and we can almost hear the cracking sound as it hammers into the floor.

NO DIALOGUE

4/ Cut to the prisoners looking through their bars, completely awed and revulsed by what they've just seen here.

PRISONER : Fuck, dude...

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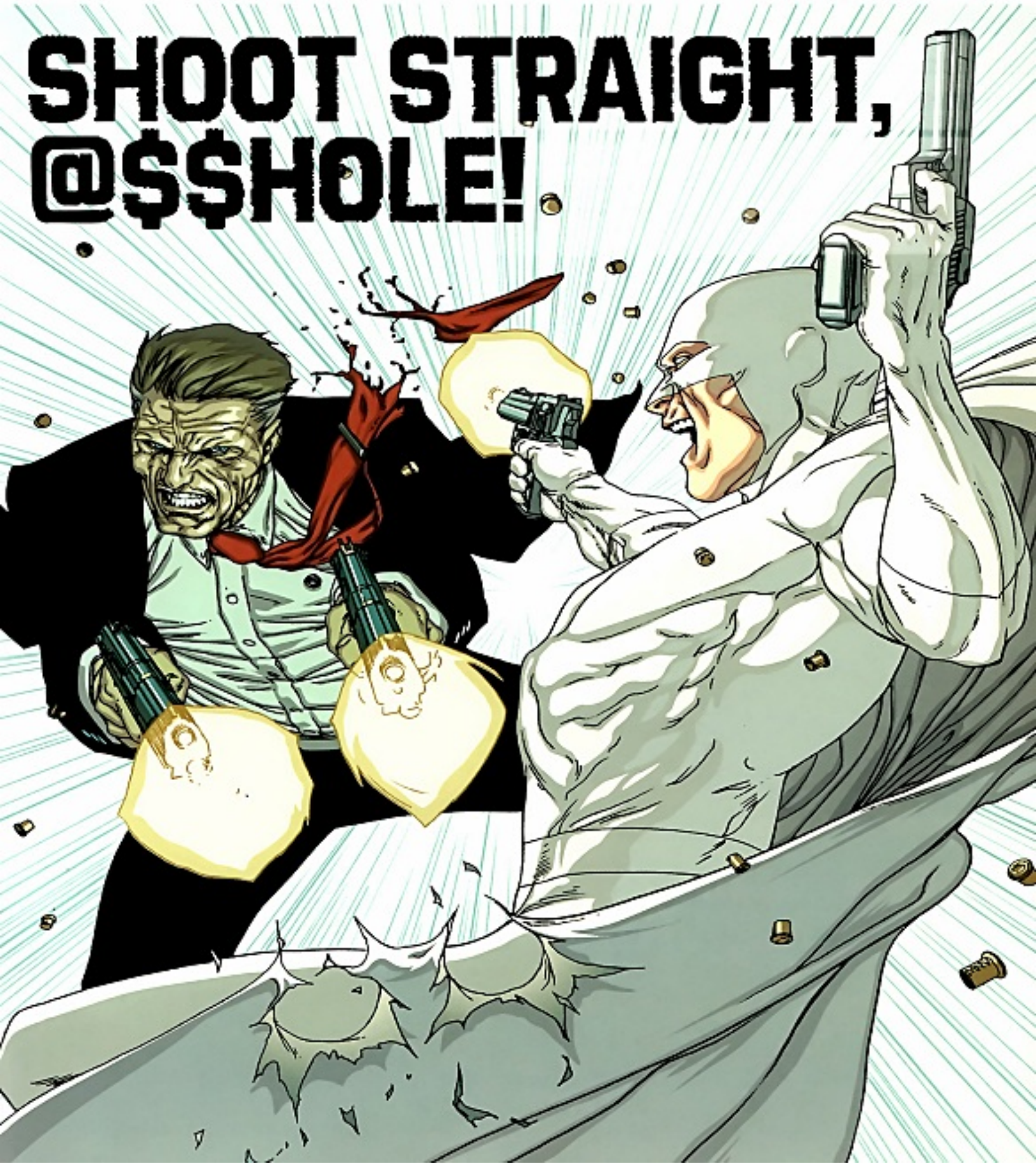

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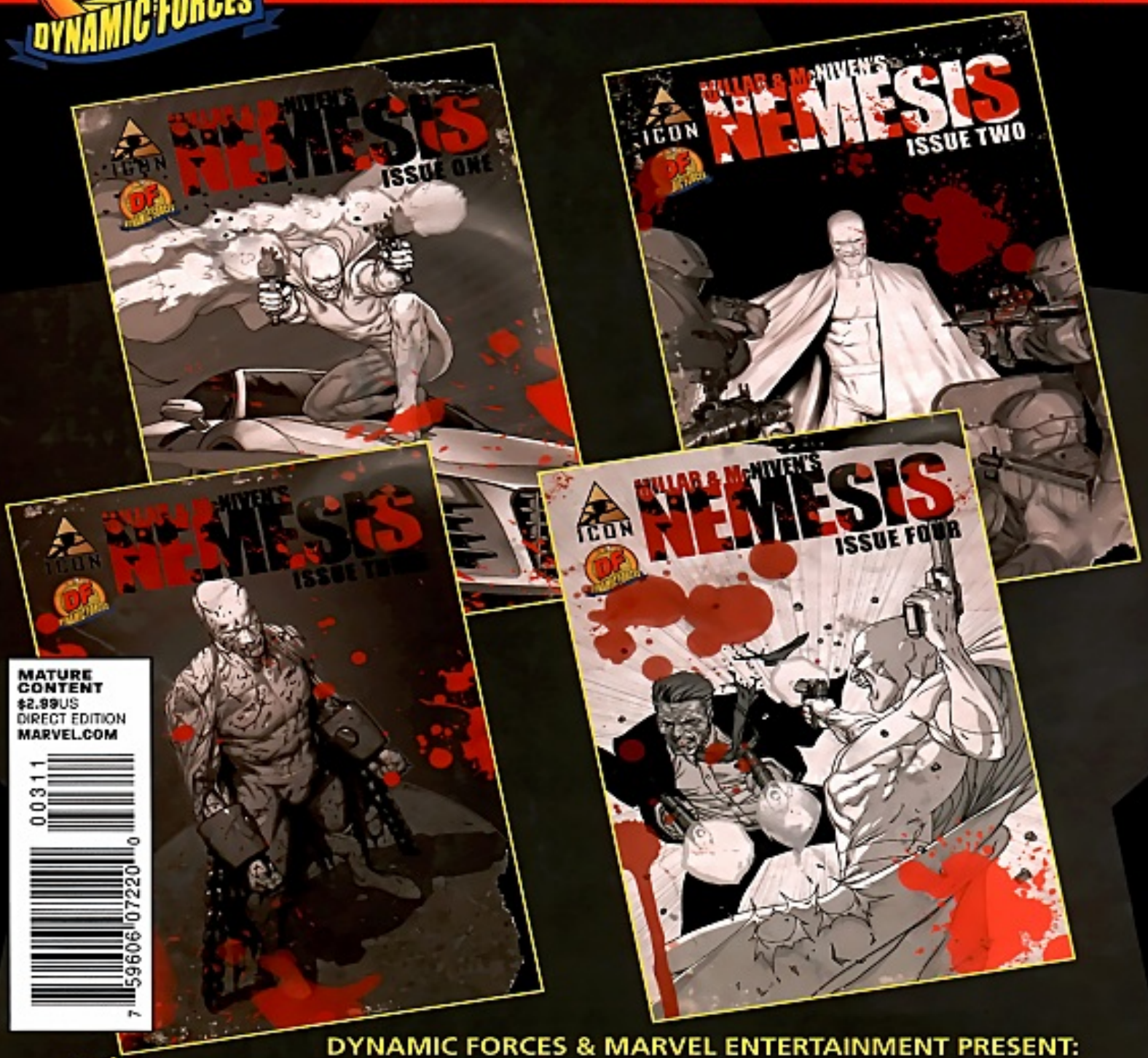

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